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(*e*) whether the Government propose to make any grants for the purpose ; if so, the amount of such grants ;

(*f*) whether a healthy site has been selected for the projected hospital ;

(*g*) in how many years the said hospital will be completed ; and

(*h*) what amount of money has been promised for the said hospital by the district board of South Kanara, by the municipality of Mangalore and by the taluk boards in the district ?

A.—(*a*) Subscriptions are being collected for improving and extending the present Women and Children's Hospital, Mangalore.

(*b*) Rupees 24,000 according to the latest information received by Government.

(*c*) Rupees 40,000.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

(*f*) The proposal is to extend and improve the existing hospital on its present site. It is understood that the Mangalore Municipal Council has agreed to acquire and reclaim the area to the west of the hospital and make it available for the proposed improvements. The site and buildings to be vacated by the Police Hospital are also to be added to the Women and Children's Hospital.

(*g*) Roughly, it may take one year for the improvements and extensions to be completed.

(*h*) The Government have no information.

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Alleged danger to Chingleput people by lepers being allowed to go outside the Leper settlement.

* 290 *Q.*—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the letter published in the *Madras Mail* of 26th June 1925 under the signatures of four respectable gentlemen of Chingleput pointing out the danger to the town and suburbs of Chingleput by the lepers being thus let loose, defiling tanks, wells, etc. ;

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter of carrying out the remedial measures suggested therein ;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to extend the leper settlement so as to accommodate all the lepers in the Presidency in that locality ; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will kindly place on the table of the House all connected papers with regard to the proposed extension of the Leper settlement at Tirumani ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The matter is receiving attention.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government are considering the question of the best method of dealing with leprosy in the light of recent medical researches. There is no immediate likelihood of a large increase in the Tirumani settlement.